

## King George VI - Royal Silver Wedding issue.

Following criticism for failing to issue a commemorative stamp in 1947 for the wedding of Princess Elizabeth, the G.P.O were keen to make amends a year later by celebrating the Silver Wedding of the King and Queen. Two stamps were envisaged, a **2½d** and **£1**, although it's fair to say that the £1 value was aimed specifically at stamp collectors.

The Post Office preferred a 'Landmark' format as the design illustrated below by George Knipe shows, an idea originally suggested for use on stamps of King Edward VIII. The King, however, was adamant that the design should include only portraits. The 'Landmark' idea would eventually see the light of day in 1955 with the issue of the high value 'Castles' of Queen Elizabeth II. The final designs, using new photographic portraits by Dorothy Wilding, were produced by George Knipe and Joan Hassall.



Design by George Knipe, submitted by Harrison & Sons Ltd.

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### Designers of the chosen designs:

- **George T Knipe** (1918-2006) - Commercial artist employed by Harrison & Sons Ltd.
- **Joan Hassall** (1906-1988) - Daughter of John Hassall (Postcard and Book Illustrator), she was the first woman to have a postage stamp design accepted by the G.P.O.

### Printing details

Printed in photogravure by Harrison & Sons Ltd, in sheets of 120 stamps, arranged in 20 rows of six stamps (2½d value), and sheets of 20 stamps, arranged in 4 rows of five (£1).

**Issued date** - 26<sup>th</sup> April 1948. Both stamps were also overprinted for use by British Postal Agencies overseas. The stamps were withdrawn from sale on 30<sup>th</sup> September 1948.

**Quantities sold** - totals shown above each stamp.



113 dies



3 dies

Perfin figures correct to **1<sup>st</sup> January 2019**.

The issue is known on **115** different dies, involving **116** DDF.

In 1948 there would have been around **2,725** G.B. Perfin dies still in commercial use.

	<b>Cat No.</b>	<b>Letters</b>	<b>2½d SG493</b>	<b>£1 SG494</b>
1	A0830.01M	A/Bros	2½d	
2	A1350.04M	A&Co/Ld	2½d	
3	A2220.01	A.F.	2½d	
4	A2530.01M	AG/&Co.	2½d	
5	A4050.02	AM/S	2½d	
6	A4910.03M	AS	2½d	
7	A5800.02M	AWG	2½d	
8	B0019.01M	B	2½d	
9	B1110.05M	BC	2½d	
10	B3810.01M	B&J	2½d	
11	B4850.01aM	B.M/&Co.	2½d	
12	B4890.01	BM/I	2½d	
13	B5750.01M	BP/D	2½d	
14	B6430.05	B&S	2½d	
15	B6790.01	BSN	2½d	
16	B7060.02M	B.T	2½d	
17	B7100.01	BT/C	2½d	
18	C0013.02M	C	2½d	
19	C0680.01M	CB/&Co	2½d	
20	C1250.02M	CC/C	2½d	
21	C1380.03	CC/L	2½d	
22	C2400.01M	C.E./S.Co.	2½d	
23	C5840.02M	CPA	2½d	
24	C6110.01	CP/R	2½d	
25	C6500.01	C.R/&Co..	2½d	
26	C7140.01M	CS/L/SA	2½d	
27	C8400.01M	CWD	2½d	
28	C8560.01M	CW/SLd.	2½d	£1
29	D0860.02b	D/&Co	2½d	
30	D2260.02aM	DHE	2½d	
31	D2330.01	D.H./R.D.C.	2½d	
32	D2730.01M	D.L.	2½d	
33	D4080.01	DR/C	2½d	
34	D4080.03	DR/C	2½d	
35	D4080.04M	DR/C	2½d	
36	D4130.01	D.R/Co	2½d	
37	D4130.02	D.R/Co	2½d	
38	D4130.04M	D.R/Co	2½d	
39	D4540.01M	DS/Ltd	2½d	
40	D4580.01	D.S./S.	2½d	
41	E0842.01	E&Co../Ltd..	2½d	
42	E1620.01M	EFS/S	2½d	
43	E3110.01M	EMW	2½d	
44	E4110.03M	ES	2½d	
45	E4130.02	E&S	2½d	
46	E4960.02M	EW	2½d	
47	F0007.01M	F	2½d	

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48	F0008.11M	F	2½d	
49	F2460.01M	FLd	2½d	
50	F3850.01M	Fs../Ld..	2½d	
51	G1390.01	de in G	2½d	
52	G1820.01	G.F/S	2½d	
53	G2780.01M	G.J.E	2½d	
54	G2830.01	G.J.N.	2½d	
55	H0012.11	H	2½d	
56	H2240.01mM	HEAT in Frame	2½d	
57	H2710.01	H.F./L.	2½d	
58	H4490.01M	H/Ld	2½d	
59	H4670.01	HLtd	2½d	
60	H5690.02M	H&P	2½d	
61	H7900.01M	H.W.V/Ld.	2½d	
62	I0430.01	I.C.I	2½d	
63	I1510.01M	IL	2½d	
64	J0100.01	J.A.C/&Co.	2½d	
65	J0695.01M	JB/Co.Ld.	2½d	
66	J1960.01M	JD	2½d	
67	J2270.03M	JDW/M	2½d	
68	J3120.01M	J.G.K/&/C.L	2½d	
69	J4850.01M	J.L./B.	2½d	
70	J5230.01	J.M.	2½d	
71	J6430.01	J/R	2½d	
72	J7780.01M	J.T./&/J.T.	2½d	
73	J8280.01	J.W	2½d	
74	K0016.02M	K	2½d	
75	K0110.01M	K.B/B	2½d	
76	K0390.02a	K/&Co.	2½d	
77	K1370.01M	K.M./&Co./M	2½d	
78	K1560.02M	K.S	2½d	
79	L0060.01	L.A.C.	2½d	
80	L0100.01a	LAF/AYE/TTE	2½d	
81	L3920.01	LM/Co	2½d	
82	N0520.01	N.C	2½d	
83	N0750.01M	NCS	2½d	
84	N0845.01M	N.C/S.L	2½d	
85	N1530.01M	N.G.	2½d	
86	N1660.01	N.H/C	2½d	
87	N3380.01	NUL	2½d	
88	P2350.01M	P.H/Co.	2½d	
89	P3220.01M	P.M./S.T.	2½d	
90	P4380.01	P.S/NC	2½d	
91	R1110.01M	RCo/Y	2½d	
92	R3490.01	RM/L		£1
93	R3490.01b	RM/L		£1
94	S1210.01M	SC	2½d	
95	S1230.02	S.C.	2½d	
96	S1580.01	S..C/Ld	2½d	

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97	S1620.02	S&Co	2½d	
98	S2550.01	S.E./H.	2½d	
99	S6440.08M	S&S	2½d	
100	S6440.11M	S&S	2½d	
101	S6490.01M	S.S/C	2½d	
102	S7080.02	S.T.	2½d	
103	S8043.02	S\&\W	2½d	
104	T2470.02	T.I.C.	2½d	
105	T2610.01	TJH	2½d	
106	U0370.01	U.C.	2½d	
107	W0410.02M	WB	2½d	
108	W1020.01M	W.C.	2½d	
109	W1100.01aM	W/CC	2½d	
110	W1150.01	WC/CoLd	2½d	
111	W2940.01M	W/G	2½d	
112	W3560.02a	WH/CoL	2½d	
113	W5400.01M	W.M./M.	2½d	
114	W5900.01p	W/P	2½d	
115	W6780.01M	WS/CC	2½d	
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